

## AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of sealing a leaking part or cavity comprising injecting into said leaking part or cavity a grouting composition ~~obtained by mixing~~ **comprising** an alkali metal silicate or an organic silicate, colloidal silica particles, and at least one gelling agent, wherein the composition has a weight ratio of silica to silicate from about 2:1 to about 100:1.
2. (Currently Amended) A method for preparing a composition for injection grouting comprising mixing colloidal silica particles, an alkali metal silicate or an organic silicate, and at least one a gelling agent, wherein the composition has a weight ratio of silica to silicate from about 2:1 to about 100:1.
3. (Currently Amended) A composition for injection grouting comprising ~~mixing~~ colloidal silica particles, an alkali metal silicate or an organic silicate, and at least one gelling agent, wherein the composition has a weight ratio of silica to silicate from about 2:1 to about 100:1.
4. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the colloidal silica particles are present in a silica sol having an S-value from about 30 to about 90.
5. (Original) A composition according to claim 3, wherein the colloidal silica particles are present in a silica sol having an S-value from about 30 to about 90.
6. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises a hydraulic binder.

7. (Original) A composition according to claim 3, wherein the composition further comprises a hydraulic binder.
8. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of silica to silicate is from about 3:1 to about 70:1.
9. (Original) A composition according to claim 3, wherein the weight ratio of silica to silicate is from about 3:1 to about 70:1.
10. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of silica to silicate is from about 6:1 to about 20:1.
11. (Original) A composition according to claim 3, wherein the weight ratio of silica to silicate is from about 6:1 to about 20:1.
12. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the silica particles have a relative standard of deviation of the particle size distribution lower than about 15% by numbers.
13. (Original) A composition according to claim 3, wherein the silica particles have a relative standard of deviation of the particle size distribution lower than about 15% by numbers.
14. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the gelling agent is an alkali metal salt.
15. (Original) A composition according to claim 3, wherein the gelling agent is an alkali metal salt.
16. (Original) A method according to claim 2, wherein the composition further comprises a hydraulic binder.

17. (Original) A method according to claim 2, wherein the weight ratio of silica to silicate is from about 3:1 to about 70:1.

18. (Currently Amended) A ~~composition~~ method according to claim 2, wherein the weight ratio of silica to silicate is from about 6:1 to about 20:1.

19. (Original) A method according to claim 2, wherein the silica particles are present in a silica sol having an S-value from about 30 to about 90.

20. (Original) A method according to claim 2, wherein the silica particles have an average particle diameter ranging from about 7 to about 50nm.